

43^d Street New York

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My Dear Garrison,

Since I gave my consent
Yesterday to speak at the Cooper
Institute tonight I have
suffered much pain of mind -
caused by the thought that
You would disapprove my con-
duct. I have deeply regretted
my ready acquiescence in the
request made made to me
I see now, clearly, that my
presence at the meeting may
be misinterpreted. Forgive me
the error I have committed.

I need not assure you that
my love and loyalty to you
are perfect and unalterable
& that I have not the slightest
sympathy in the sayings and
doings of those who in late
years have opposed & misrepre-
sented you

I shall so use in the
my speech - then hasten
back to Boston, and if
possible see you on Sunday.

I will then not much
speak of the motives which
induced me to say "yes"
then perhaps I should have
said no. Tell them, think

kindly of me and let not
my indiscretion cause in
your mind any suspicion
of the truth and fidelity
of my friendship

Had a good meeting at
Merristown last evening.
I am very tired & poorly
to day and am taking a
little rest before my en-
gagements

My warmest regards
to Mrs Garrison & all
around her

Ever with sincerest affections

Geo Thompson

kindly of me and to me
my correspondence was in
your name and I hope
of the best and for help
of my friends.

And a first meeting of
the children last evening.
I was very much pleased
to see you and to hear of
all the good before you.

My ever affectionate
to the friends of all
the world.
Love to the friends of all
the world.